| (1) | (2) | | | (3) | | | (4) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indian Overseas Bank | 00 | 00 | 00 | 23 | 26 | 61 | 06 | 01 | 11 |
| Oriental Bank of Commerce | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 22 | 15 | 06 | 05 | 07 |
| Punjab National Bank | 00 | 01 | 04 | 222 | 120 | 82 | 34 | 24 | 36 |
| Punjab & Sind Bank | 00 | 02 | 01 | 41 | 30 | 22 | 17 | 09 | 06 |
| Syndicate Bank | 00 | 01 | 04 | 40 | 50 | 37 | 23 | 29 | 21 |
| Union Bank of India | 00 | 00 | 00 | 33 | 27 | 22 | 13 | 09 | 07 |
| United Bank of India | 01 | 00 | 00 | 35 | 79 | 75 | 12 | .8 | 15 |
| UCO Bank | 01 | 00 | 00 | 66 | 99 | 52 | 14 | 09 | 05 |
| Vijaya Bank | 00 | 00 | 00 | 18 | 34 | 39 | 05 | 05 | 11 |
| TOTAL | 57 | 55 | 119 | 1624 | 1686 | 1491 | 429 | 380 | 424 |

(Data provisional)

**Interest rate on deposits**

†*10. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rate of interest on deposits was reduced from time to time by Public Sector Banks during the period from March, 2000 to October, 2003;

(b) if so, the extent of reduction in the rate of interest made by each of the Public Sector Banks alongwith the dates on which such reduction was made; and

(c) the rates of interest that were in force for the various term deposits schemes in these Banks at the end of April, 2000 and October, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Deposit rates of Commercial Banks have come down in recent years in line with the decline in inflation rate and due to softening of interest rates in economy.

(b) Since the Banks are free to determine their term deposits rates, different Banks had effected reduction in deposit rates at various points

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of time with the approval of their respective Boards of Directors.

(c) The range of deposit rates of Public Sector Banks group during the last three years is as under:

*(in per cent)*

| Time | April 2000 | April 2001 | April 2002 | April 2003 | October 2003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Up to 1 yr | 5.0-9.0 | 4.0-8.0 | 4.25-7.50 | 4.00-6.00 | 3.75-5.50 |
| 1-3 years | 8.50-10.5 | 8.0-9.5 | 7.0-8.25 | 5.25-6.75 | 5.00-6.00 |
| Over 3 yrs. | 9.75-11.0 | 9.0-10.0 | 7.75-8.75 | 5.50-7.00 | 5.25-6.00 |

**Right to contamination-free water to domestic users**

*11. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Jal Board Act, 1996 does not recognise the right of the consumer to be supplied with contamination-free water to the domestic users;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to correct this inadequacy in law to give a legal cover against unsafe water supply; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) Water is a State subject and the primary responsibility for supplying domestic water for use by the consumers in Delhi lies with the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. The Delhi Jal Board, under the Government of NCT of Delhi, has informed that there is no express mention in the Delhi Water Board Act, 1998 (not of 1996 as mentioned in the Question) to supply contamination free water for domestic use as the Act has the provision to supply unfiltered water also.

(b) and (c) They have also stated that the Delhi Jal Board has taken on itself the onus of treating the raw water to potable standards at the water treatment plants and the water so treated meets the drinking water